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Reply to Comments on Phase II

1. A number of conclusions can perhaps be based on these comments:

a. The writer has no particular liking for the practical aspects of clandestine activity.

b. The writer has little if any appreciation for a program which, by most trainees and particularly those with some experience, is not only accepted but recognized as accomplishing its intended purpose.

c. The writer appears somewhat snobbish as evidenced by an apparent lack of appreciation for the fact that a good portion of subject matter in Phase II deals with practical down-to-earth techniques and skills, many of which possess as little intellectual stimulation as might "laying bricks" or practicing and learning a "manual of arms."

2. Aside from the above, the writer's statements in paragraph (1), with reference to "student inability to think in the desired clandestine pattern," are not borne out by reactions and comments of most other students. His comments on the 14-18 hour day, the nature of the schedule, etc., are not based on fact and can be easily refuted by a look at the schedule or perhaps best by observing the average attendance at the Recreation Hall during the periods from 1700 to 1800 and 2100 to 2300 hours.

3. At the same time, it is admitted that Phase II crowds a mass of material into a five-week period. Therefore, it does demand a great deal of the student's time. This has been criticized by a number of trainees, particularly by those whose ability to absorb material is no longer that of the "fresh-out-of-college" trainee. Such people will, of course, spend more time on the material. Every effort is being made to free such people for weekends in order to provide them the opportunity to relax and indulge in recreation on which they may have been shorted during the week.

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